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**Camerons Limited**

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**Summary:**

The Jersey Construction Council (the **Council**) notes the statement issued by the directors of one of our members, Camerons Limited (**Camerons**), which advises that Camerons have ceased trading with immediate effect. The Council would like to express its deepest sorrow to those immediately impacted, including the directors, staff, clients, sub-contractors and suppliers of Camerons. In particular, the Council offers its support to fellow members of the Council who may be impacted by this matter.

The Council notes that ROK Construct Limited have already been appointed by Andium Homes to assist with managing the continued progress of the Cyril Le Marquand Court development, thereby protecting those workers and sub-contractors involved in that project and ensuring the remaining social homes under construction will be delivered. The Council also notes the commitments made by C Le Masurier Limited to future purchasers, suppliers and sub-contractors involved with the Bath Street Development. The Council applauds the speed of the reaction of its members that are involved in helping to ensure that jobs are saved and projects delivering new homes are completed.

The Council would urge all our members that may impacted by the Camerons decision to get in touch with the Council, so that we can help through managing the pressures that may arise.

The Council will not comment on the causes or circumstances that may have led to the decision of the directors of Camerons to cease trading. The Council will though draw the Island's attention to the impact that will be felt by many workers, from Camerons, their suppliers and sub-contractors across the industry. This can – and must – be avoided in the future through further troubled financial times by the sensible sourcing of construction services by clients. The industry is also arguably less competitive now without a major organisation like Camerons, and the impact of this may be felt by customers in due course.

There are no winners from the announcement made by Camerons. The Government of Jersey, through its many organisations by far the largest client to the industry, must do everything it can to help sustain a vibrant and competitive industry through progressing with planned expenditure. Private-sector clients also should be reassured of the resilience of our industry, and not be deterred to progress their planned expenditure. All clients though should take appropriate advice on their next steps from recognised, qualified consultants and contractors.

Finally, the Council would like to recognise the significant impact that Camerons have had on the local construction industry.

Since they were first established in 1956, Camerons have been responsible for constructing some of the most prominent buildings in Jersey, innovating not only in their delivery but also the commercial models and arrangements used to do so. Camerons have trained and developed thousands of professionals and tradesmen. They have also played a prominent part in the development of the Council, and ensuring the industry was better-represented and better-understood by the Island. Over the years, Camerons staff have also invested huge amounts of time and resource in many charity and social enterprises, with excellent support of the Council's own charity, the Brick Foundation, amongst many of the causes they supported.

Perhaps the biggest testament to the impact Camerons have had on the Island's industry is evidenced through the continued success of numerous companies who's staff and directors were at some time employed by Camerons. Whilst this will be of little comfort to those presently impacted, the legacy of Camerons will clearly survive in their continued success in supporting the local construction industry.

#### **Quotes:**

Jersey Construction Council Policy Sub-committee Chairman **Simon Matthews** commented:

*"This is a sad day for the island's construction industry, and the Island as a whole.*

*On a personal level, as an ex-Camerons employee, I and many others like me will know only too well how much Camerons have brought to the Island over the years. The thoughts of the Council are with everyone involved, and those directors and staff who are no longer employed by Camerons.*

*The Council thanks the speed with which its members have reacted to the news and stepped-in to protect the jobs – and household incomes – of many workers previously reliant on Camerons. These swift actions will also protect the dates by when the future occupiers and owners of over 400 new homes and mitigate any risk of delay to their completion.*

*Trading conditions, for main contractors, are presently very tough. In addition to the delayed and continued impact of Covid pandemic on resources and supplies, there is also the impact of the Ukraine conflict on energy prices, food prices and household income. The inflationary pressures on costs are very hard to manage on projects of long durations, where a fixed price is sometimes agreed years before completion.*

*Now, more than ever, the industry needs sustainable investment from the Government and other clients, with locally-focused projects that will provide our members with an opportunity to re-employ those workers, suppliers and sub-contractors displaced and impacted by these matters."*

#### **About the Jersey Construction Council:**

The Jersey Construction Council (**JeCC**) is the voice of the island's construction industry, the fourth-largest employing sector. Our focus is on **building Jersey better**. Our 130 member organisations include clients (developers, Government agencies), utilities companies, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, designers, and consultants. The JeCC occupies a

unique role within the Jersey construction industry. The breadth and depth of its membership means that JeCC is the only body able to speak with authority on the diverse issues connected with construction without being constrained by the self-interest of any sector of the Island's construction industry.

**Further information, photos:**

Any comments or requests for further comment or photos from the JeCC shall be directed to the address and contact below.

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